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HOUSE COMMITTEE

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

September 28th, 1953

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As Chairman of the Forum Committee of the Princeton Graduate College, I find your name has a ubiquitous quality; it appears with amazing regularity in the groups of names which people suggest as most desirable for guest speakers at these forums.

To top it off, Lowell Thomas phoned me on Friday to discuss the date of the talk that he plans to give (it will be Wed., Dec.3), and encouraged us to approach you...I believe that you were classmates here at the Graduate College in 1916.

The meetings are usually held shortly after Seven P.M. immediately following dinner, and consist of a 45 to 60 minute talk, followed by a question period. I might emphasize that we try to maintain an atmosphere of informality throughout. Many topics probably would suggest themselves to you, but activities of the OSS and then the CIA would be of most interest to the group in residence here.

I realize that your activities would not permit you to come to Princeton merely for such a talk, but if you could tie it in with some other reason necessitating your presence here or in New York, it probably would be most practicable for you.

Any Wednesday evening, excepting December 3rd, would be desirable, after Oct.21st....into the Spring, also. If you could suggest a date, or

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a choice of dates, it would be wonderful.

In any event, we appreciate any consideration that you may give this, and await your reply with hope.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Norval White". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Norval White
Forum Chairman

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